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Labourer jailed for molesting maid

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AN INDIAN national tried to chat up a domestic worker in Jalan Membina, in the Tiong Bahru area, in February this year.

When the 28-year-old Filipino maid, who was returning home from a nearby shop at 2pm on Feb27, ignored him and entered a lift, Adaikalam Suresh followed her. The 24-year-old labourer asked her for her cellphone number but she continued to ignore him.

Then things turned ugly. As she was about to walk out of the lift on the 21st floor, he reached out and grabbed her breast. She screamed for help. The man took to his heels but dropped his dormitory card in his haste to escape.

Suresh was arrested within days and, yesterday, he was jailed for five months by a district court after pleading guilty to outraging the modesty of the maid, who cannot be named.

The maximum sentence for outraging a woman's modesty is a two-year jail term and caning or a fine.